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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 21, 2022

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: **Overview of 2022 big game and antlerless permit recommendations**

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2022 bull elk and buck pronghorn hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2021 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2022 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2022 bull elk and buck pronghorn permit recommendations**:

- 1) We recommend 15,000 spike elk permits and 17,500 any bull permits, as defined in the statewide elk plan.
- 2) We recommend no changes to the number of youth any bull elk permits (500 permits).
- 3) We recommend adding 66 limited-entry bull elk permits, increasing from 2,990 permits to 3,056 permits.
- 4) We recommend adding 76 buck pronghorn permits, increasing from 1,173 permits to 1,249 permits.

